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The Honorable Anita Starchman-Bryant
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Mariposa
5088 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA 95338

**MARIPOSA SUPERIOR COURT
ADMINISTRATION**

**RE: Response to 2024/2025 Mariposa County Civil Grand Jury Report – Mariposa County
Adult Detention Facility Tour; Pursuant to California Penal Code §§ 933 and 933.05**

Dear Judge Starchman-Bryant:

In compliance with the requirements of California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, please find the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office official response to the findings and recommendations presented in the 2024/2025 Civil Grand Jury Report regarding the Adult Detention Facility tour conducted on October 19, 2024.

FINDINGS

Finding F1: *The detention center HVAC repair project has not been completed, which continues to pose a challenge to detention center management, contributing to uncomfortable environmental exposure for inmates, staff and visitors.*

Response: Accepted.

The Sheriff's Office agrees with this finding. The July 2023 HVAC system failure placed considerable strain on daily operations, compromising the climate environment for incarcerated persons, staff, and visitors. Since the Grand Jury's visit, substantial progress has been made. On **July 1, 2025**, the **Mariposa County Board of Supervisors approved a treasury note, awarded the construction contract to Bobo Construction, and authorized a construction group and supervision team (KPA Group) to provide construction oversight of the project.** Construction is expected to begin this calendar year.

Finding F2: *There is a high amount of overtime working hours within the detention facility staffing, which is caused by increased job duties, increasing demands of the incarcerated population and regulatory compliance.*

Response: Accepted.

The Sheriff's Office acknowledges this finding. Overtime levels are elevated due to complex transport demands, increased regulatory mandates, and the long-term housing of inmates with serious mental health needs. These pressures have caused fatigue and burnout, negatively impacting staff well-being and operational efficiency.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation R1: *Complete the HVAC system repair project in all areas that are necessary as soon as possible.*

Response: Will Be Implemented.

The Sheriff's Office fully supports the timely completion of the HVAC project. Although construction oversight rests with Mariposa County Public Works, our office is actively coordinating with County departments to facilitate progress. The **Board of Supervisors' July 1, 2025 action approving project financing and contracting with Bobo Construction** is a major milestone. We anticipate that construction will commence later this year and address the full scope of environmental control needs within the detention facility.

Recommendation R2: *Increase the detention facility's custodial staff by hiring additional personnel, in order to reduce the high amount of overtime hours within the department, and to minimize burnout and stress within the department.*

Response: Will Be Implemented.

The Sheriff's Office supports this recommendation. We continue to advocate for additional custodial staffing in budget proceedings and are committed to sustaining recruitment and retention efforts. Additional positions are necessary to provide consistent coverage, reduce the need for excessive overtime, and ensure compliance with Title 15 standards while maintaining a safe and secure facility.

We thank the Civil Grand Jury for its diligence, observations, and commendations. The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office remains committed to operating a professional, safe, and regulation-compliant detention facility for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully submitted,



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Honorable Michael A. Fagalde, Per PC933